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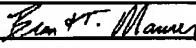
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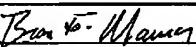
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Filing Date	January 7, 2002
First Named Inventor	Robert Matousek
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Application Number	10/041,139
Filing Date	January 7, 2002
First Named Inventor	Robert Matousek
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1003	550	2003	275	Plant filing fee	
1004	790	2004	395	Reissue filing	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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Total Claims	-20** = 0	X = 0.00
Independent	-3** = 0	X = 0.00
Claims		
Multiple Dependent		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	44	** Reissues independent claims over original patent	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month	110.00
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	785	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1256	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	
1480	130	1480	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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First Named Inventor	Robert Matousek
Art Unit	3671
Examiner Name	Arpad F. Kovacs
Attorney Docket Number	12609

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ii. Other Copy of October 28, 2004 Amendment/Reply "Submission" under 37 CFR 1.114

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